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C O N F I D E N T I A L LISBON 5408

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PO

SUBJECT: SPINOLA RETURNS

1. SPINOLA IS BACK IN TOWN. NEWS BROADCAST AT NOON REPORTED THAT HE ARRIVED BY AIR THIS MORNING AND WAS MET AT THE AIRPORT BY FORMER PSP CHIEF MAJ APARICIO.

2. COMMENT: THERE HAS BEEN WIDESPREAD SPECULATION LOCALLY THAT SPINOLA'S RETURN WAS IMMINENT. NUMEROUS GROUPS, MOSTLY CLEARLY IDENTIFIABLE AS LEFTISTS, HAVE ISSUED STATEMENTS AGAINST SPINOLA'S RETURN IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS. THE DECISIVE FACTOR HERE, HOWEVER, HAS BEEN THE POSITION ASSUMED BY EANES AND SOARES. NEITHER WAS CATEGORICALLY OPPOSED TO SPINOLA'S RETURN, ALTHOUGH BOTH WOULD HAVE PREFERRED A LATER ARRIVAL. BOTH HAVE PUBLICLY SAID THAT, IF SPINOLA RETURNED,
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HE WOULD HAVE TO FACE PENDING CHARGES LIKE ANY OTHER

CITIZEN. THE ARREST IN THE PAST FEW DAYS OF A GROUP
OF RIGHT-WING TERRORISTS SHOULD HELP SOMEWHAT TO OFFSET
THE CHORUS OF OPPOSITION ON THE LEFT WHICH IS SURE TO
ACCOMPANY HIS RETURN.
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